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A NATION WITHOUT VACATION

WHY AMERICANS SPEND LESS TIME LOUNGING ON THE BEACH

Let's be blunt: If you like to take lots of vacation, the U.S. is not the place to work. Besides a handful of national holidays, the typical American worker bee gets two or three precious weeks off out of a whole year to relax and see the world—much less than what people in many other countries receive. What gives? Here's the run-down. [CNN](#)

this isn't you



Mount Irvine Beach, near Buccoo, Tobago
TRIBUNE FILE

Strings attached

The amount of vacation U.S. workers take often comes with strings attached.

Some companies don't like employees taking off more than one week at a time. Others expect them to be on call or check their email even when they're lounging on the beach or taking a hike in the mountains.

"I really would like to take a real, decent vacation and travel somewhere, but it's almost impossible to take a long vacation and to be out of contact," said Don Brock, a software engineer who lives in suburban Washington.

"I dream of taking a cruise or a trip to Europe, but I can't imagine getting away for so long."

The running joke at Brock's company is that a vacation just means you work from somewhere else. So he takes one or two days off at a time and loses some vacation each year.

'Americans work like robots'

It's a totally different story in other parts of the world. Nancy Schimkat, an American who lives in Weinheim, Germany, said her German husband, an engineer, gets six weeks of paid vacation a year, plus national holidays—the norm. His company makes sure he takes all of it.

It's typical for Germans to take off three consecutive weeks in August when "most of the country kind of closes down," Schimkat said. That's the time for big trips, perhaps to other parts of Europe, or to Australia or North America. Germans might also book a ski holiday in the winter and take a week off during Easter.

Schimkat's family back in the U.S. teases her that she's spoiled. But when she tells Germans that workers in the U.S. usually get two weeks of vacation a year, they cringe.

"They kind of have this idea that Americans work like robots and if that's the way they want to be, that's up to them. But they don't want to be like that," Schimkat said.

The legal issue

So what's going on here?

A big reason for the difference is that paid time off is mandated by law in many parts of the world.

Germany is among more than two dozen industrialized countries—from Australia to Slovenia to Japan—that require employers to offer four weeks or more of paid vacation to their workers, according to a 2009 study by the human resources consulting company Mercer.

57%

Only 57 percent of U.S. workers use up all the days they're entitled to, compared with 89 percent of workers in France, a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll found.

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Only one person may scold us

I'm feeling lightheaded and numb, but this column is urgent, so here goes: Stop thinking such evil thoughts about dentistry!

We all complain about visiting our dentists. Pop culture paints them as sadists (As the dentist in "Little Shop of Horrors" sings, "I'd find a pussy-cat and bash in its head"). And their supposed unhappiness is cocktail-party fodder. "Dentists have the highest suicide rate!" "Cool! Pass the dip."

But the truth is: The dentist—indeed, the entire dental experience—is wonderful.*

Hear me out

» **Who else scolds you?** Your boss may chew you out, you may fight with your spouse, but after you graduate middle school, the only one who can old-fashioned scold you is your dentist. Somehow, it's oddly comforting: You get scolded for never flossing, you nod your head and say "I know, I know," you leave and never floss, six months later you get scolded again, and the process repeats itself until you turn 55 and use your 401(k) to pay for gum surgery.

» **Dentists love to talk.** You'd think a relationship in which one person always has six things in his mouth would be light on conversation. But some of the best talks you'll ever have are with your dentist—made even more impressive by their uncanny ability to understand the subtleties of your grunts.

» **Dentists always have new equipment.** Every time I see my dentist, he seems to pull out new gadgets—little cameras, monitors to display your teeth in front of you. That said, dental offices still honor their profession's past by spending most of their time scraping your teeth with a sharp piece of metal.

» **You won't find a comfier chair.** When the overhead swivel light is on and there are so many things in your mouth that you can't breathe, it's easy to believe you're catching a glimpse of heaven. Downtown dentists should rent their chairs out for people to use during lunch breaks.

» **The dentist is all-powerful in his office**—and when he stops in to see you, you feel empowered too. The hygienist scrapes your teeth, spends 55 minutes of the hourlong appointment with you, but it's all build-up for when the dentist strides in. He confidently shakes your hand and then, without tools pokes around your mouth for 30 seconds, says lovely things about your teeth (or schedules a root canal) and returns from whence he came (sleeping in a spare dental chair is my guess).

» **Dentists improve you.** When you go to the doctor for a checkup, he may check, say, your reflexes, but he doesn't make your knees any better. If anything, tapping on your knees with that old, uninspiring tool only hastens their inevitable decline. Every six months, you go to the dentist and he makes your teeth so clean and strong that you don't have to brush them again for a month.

» **Dentists still use a tooth with a human face** as their logo.

* I've never had a root canal.

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Former Gov. Rod Blagojevich arrives Wednesday with a Girl Scout cookie umbrella at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago. Mayor Emanuel and U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. testified during the day's proceedings. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

Big names, big day

Emanuel, Jackson Jr. take the stand in Blagojevich trial

Chicago Tribune

Lawyers for Rod Blagojevich called Mayor Emanuel and U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. to the witness stand Wednesday to answer questions about whether they cut deals with the then-governor to influence his decision on filling a vacant U.S. Senate seat.

Emanuel spent just three minutes on the stand Wednesday morning in the corruption retrial of Blagojevich.

Blagojevich lawyer Sheldon Sorosky began by asking Emanuel his most recent position.

"Mayor of the city of Chicago," Emanuel said.

"Is it safe to say it is a new job for you?" Sorosky asked.

"Unless your subscription to the newspaper ended recently, yes," Emanuel said.

In quick fashion, Sorosky asked Emanuel if anyone had ever asked him when

WILL HE TESTIFY?

Blagojevich appeared on track to take the stand Thursday, according to reports, though no schedule had yet been announced Wednesday.

he was congressman in 2006 to have his brother arrange a fundraiser for the governor in exchange for release of a \$2 million grant to a school in Emanuel's congressional district.

"No," Emanuel said curtly.

The mayor also said "no" when questioned if he had ever been asked to set up a nonprofit for Blagojevich to run in exchange for appointing President Obama's friend Valerie Jarrett to the U.S. Senate.

Jackson's testimony for the defense was, to sum it up, short and sweet.

Blagojevich lawyer Aaron Goldstein spent five minutes asking questions of the veteran Chicago congressman about his

lack of knowledge of the marquee charge in the case—that Blagojevich wanted to hand Jackson the Senate seat vacated by Obama in exchange for \$1.5 million in fundraising from Jackson supporters.

Jackson said he waged a very public campaign to gain the appointment that began even before Obama's election as president. "I talked with all sorts of people about the United States Senate seat," Jackson said.

"Did you ever request the Senate seat in exchange for fundraising?" Goldstein asked.

"No sir, I did not," Jackson said.

Under cross-examination, Jackson described his relationship with Blagojevich as "frosty at best," and said the problems appeared to date to Jackson's refusal to endorse Blagojevich in the 2002 Democratic primary for governor as well as pony up a requested \$25,000 contribution.

Woman files suit against city, cops

Chicago Tribune

A 22-year-old Chicago woman who allegedly was raped by two on-duty Chicago police officers filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday alleging a "widespread practice" of abuse within the department that goes largely unpunished.

The suit, which names the city of Chicago, Officer Paul Clavijo and his partner, Officer Juan Vasquez, alleged that the abuse is facilitated by a "code of silence" among officers and unwillingness by supervisors to investigate and punish wrongdoing.

"Chicago police officers accused of sexual misconduct against citizens can be confident that the city will not investigate those accusations in earnest," the lawsuit said.

The suit seeks unspecified damages. Chicago Law Department spokeswoman Jennifer Hoyle was not immediately available for comment.

Clavijo and Vasquez, both 38, were charged earlier this month with criminal sexual assault and official misconduct in the March 30 assault.

Prosecutors said the officers were on patrol in a marked police SUV about 2 a.m. when they saw the woman walking alone near Wrigley Field and offered her a ride to her Rogers Park apartment, located several miles outside their patrol district.

While Vasquez went into a liquor store to buy booze, Clavijo sexually assaulted the woman in the front seat of the vehicle, prosecutors said. Later, the officers followed the victim into her apartment, where they allegedly played strip poker and raped her.



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"You and this show have been the great love of my life."

—OPRAH WINFREY DURING THE BROADCAST OF HER FINAL CHICAGO-TAPED SHOW, WHICH AIRED WEDNESDAY

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A tornado touched down Wednesday on the Wielgus family property in St. Ann, Ill., lifting this silo onto a neighbor's land. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

Tornado reported in Kankakee County

Chicago Tribune

A tornado was reported in Kankakee County on Wednesday morning, causing damage to buildings, trees and silos in rural Pembroke Township.

The twister damaged silos, trees and roofs of several buildings, Pembroke Fire Protection District Chief Mark Baines said. No major injuries were reported.

Possible tornadoes also were reported

in parts of Northwest Indiana as heavy storms with hail moved through the area.

About 550 flights had been canceled at O'Hare as of 10:30 a.m. due to rain and low visibility, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. There were delays of up to three hours.

Midway Airport was experiencing delays of 45 minutes or more and a few cancellations.



Virgin founder Sir Richard Branson on Wednesday at O'Hare
BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

Virgin starts O'Hare service

The funky, tech-savvy airline Virgin America began service to O'Hare on Wednesday after a long struggle to gain access to the Chicago market. The low-cost carrier has vowed to stir up competition at the airport.

Mumbai terror testimony

Admitted terrorist David Coleman Headley continued his third day of testimony Wednesday in Chicago about the 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai, India's largest city, in which some 170 people, including six Americans, were killed.

CPS chief approved

The outgoing board of Chicago Public Schools approved the appointment of the city's newest schools chief, Jean-Claude Brizard, on Wednesday at a meeting marked by farewells and hints of what's to come.

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Homicide tracker

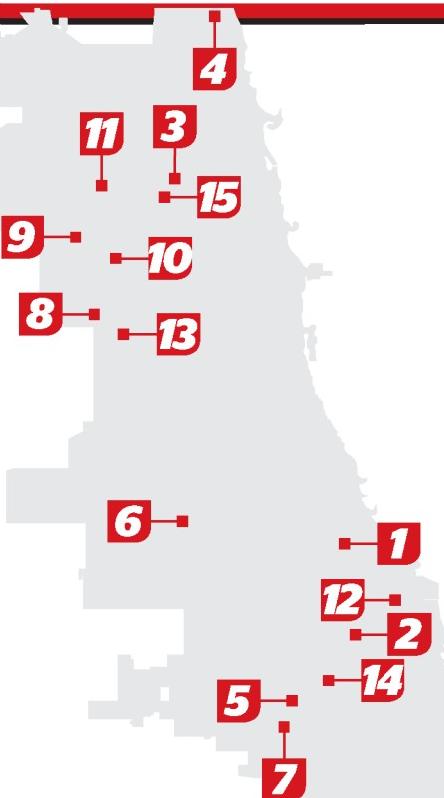
By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Austin and Hermosa each saw two homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data shows.

In Hermosa, a man and woman, both 57, were killed Sunday in an auto crash in the 4400 block of West Diversey Avenue, police said. The Cook County Medical Examiner's office ruled their deaths homicides.

In Austin, a 16-year-old boy was shot to death Saturday in the 1500 block of North Leamington Avenue, police said. A day earlier, a 32-year-old man was fatally shot in the 4700 block of West Van Buren Street, according to officials.

Citywide, fatal shootings were recorded in Avondale, Calumet Heights, Chicago Lawn, Humboldt Park, Logan Square, North Lawndale, Pullman, Rogers Park, Roseland, South Chicago, South Shore and West



Pullman in the past week.

There have been 28 homicides so far in May. Forty-eight homicides were recorded in May 2010, RedEye determined.

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Homicides from May 18 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (Note: The Diversey Avenue location had two victims; all the other locations had one victim.)

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Palin's secret \$1M movie

1 A secretly produced, \$1 million feature film about Sarah Palin (above) will debut next month in Iowa, a reminder that the former Alaska governor remains a very real factor in the Republican presidential nominating contest.

Smart's kidnapper gets life

2 Brian David Mitchell, the home-less street preacher who abducted, raped and kept a 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart captive for nine months, was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

WTC tenant signs

3 Conde Nast, one of the nation's largest publishing houses, inked a 25-year lease Wednesday in Lower Manhattan's One World Trade Center, soon to be the nation's tallest building. The skyscraper is expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

Ex-IMF chief moves locations

4 Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn will move to a new apartment, where he will remain under around-the-clock armed guard on charges he tried to rape a hotel maid, after a New York judge approved his plans Wednesday.

Sources: Charges for Edwards

5 The Justice Department has authorized prosecutors to bring criminal charges against former presidential candidate and Sen. John Edwards, sources with knowledge of the investigation confirmed to CNN on Wednesday.

Nice guys finish last?

6 Facial expressions matter, a new study says. Heterosexual women find happy men less sexually attractive than those with expressions that show pride or hint that they have done wrong and know it, according to Canadian researchers.

Heart-wrenching searches in wake of Midwest storms

7 **PIEDMONT, Okla.** Teams of rescuers were out Wednesday in Canadian County, Okla., searching land and water for a 3-year-old who went missing in ferocious weather Tuesday.

Ryan Hamil was with his mother and his siblings in their home when the storm hit, said Pam Capener, the boy's great-aunt. "Cole, the 15-month-old, did not survive," she said. "Cathleen, who is 5, is in the hospital in stable condition."

Their mother, Catherine Hamil, "has a lot of broken bones, bruises and cuts, but I believe she's stable now, last I heard," Capener said. Hamil is pregnant, and her baby is due in October, she said. "They did get

the heartbeat of the baby yesterday, so the baby's stable."

The children's father, Catherine's husband, Hank Hamil, was out of town Tuesday but has returned and is searching for Ryan, Capener said.

"Last I heard, they're searching a 16-mile stretch," she said.

She added that she believes the family had taken refuge in a bathtub when the storm barreled through. "I don't know if they were thrown out," she said.

The family has started a fund to raise money for hospital expenses. The Hamil Family Assistance Fund already had \$2,225 in pledges even though it was created only

Wednesday.

Cole Hamil is one of more than 500 people killed in a historic tornado season, according to figures from the National Weather Service and local authorities.

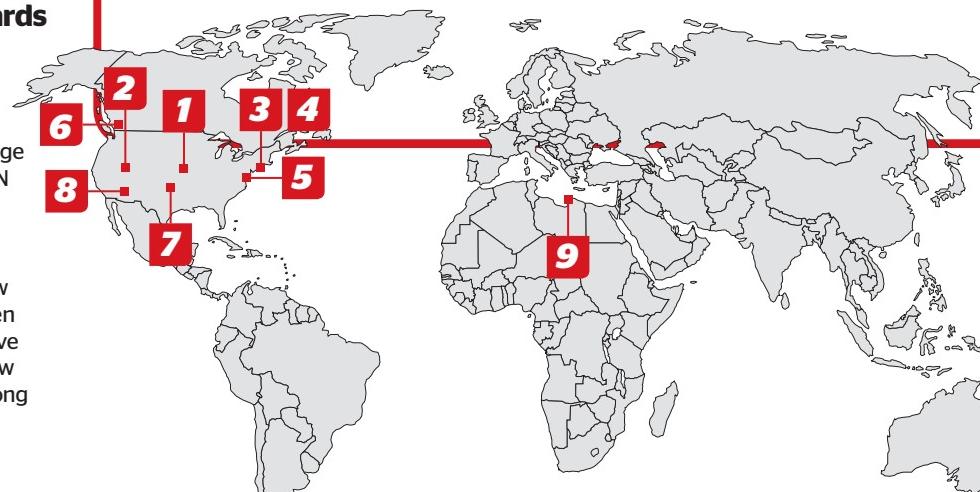
It is the deadliest season since 1953, when 519 people were killed in twisters.

Cole and 15 others died in the latest string of storms that passed through Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma on Tuesday.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin declared a state of emergency Wednesday in 68 of Oklahoma's 77 counties, which were hit by the tornadoes and other severe weather. Only nine counties in the state were not included in the declaration.

**Spoils of war**

9 Libyan children play near an abandoned tank Wednesday that used to belong to Moammar Gadhafi's forces at Revolution Square in the rebel stronghold of Benghazi. GETTY IMAGES



Shooting suspect unfit to stand trial

8 **TUCSON, Ariz.** Arizona shooting suspect Jared Loughner is not mentally competent to stand trial on charges he killed six people and wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

**Loughner**

U.S. District Judge Larry Burns said Loughner, 22, was incapable of understanding the proceedings against him and assisting in his own defense.

Loughner, described by his lawyers as "gravely mentally ill," rocked back and forth in his chair during the hearing and was dragged shouting from the courtroom before the ruling. "She died in front of me," he said as marshals hustled him out.

The judge cited the conclusions of two experts, a forensic psychiatrist and a clinical psychologist, that Loughner suffers from schizophrenia, disordered thinking and delusions.

THE DIGIT**31**

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ASIK OUT

Give Omer Asik credit. He tried to play on a fractured left fibula in Tuesday's Game 4 that he suffered in Game 3, but he simply couldn't, lasting just 1:53. The Bulls said Asik's injury will not require surgery and the recovery time is six weeks.

THE DIGIT

9.8 MILLION

Number of viewers who tuned in to Tuesday night's Game 5 of the Bulls-Heat series.



QUOTABULL

"This whole season, I really tried not to get used to or get comfortable with the little nagging things. Just kind of brush it off—the little things, the bad shooting night, the injuries here and there, things not going your way. I've really done a good job of just taking that into my everyday life and looking into whatever happens, happens, just having a positive attitude about it."

—Bulls forward Luol Deng

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I gotta Luv 'em

It's an intense playoff run for the Bulls—and the Luvabulls

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

In dealing with the lingering effects of a pulled hamstring, Luvabull Kafi Thompson found inspiration from a certain MVP she shares the United Center floor with on a regular basis.

"Derrick [Rose] had that ankle injury for a while and he says you play through it, and so I'm dancing through mine," said Thompson, 26. "I haven't given my body time to heal, but it's the playoffs so it's worth it."

They may be dancing instead of dunking and doing the splits rather than splitting defenses, but the extra workload, physical strain and heightened excitement of the NBA playoffs is a reality for the Bulls' dance team just as it is for the players.

"The players step up their game for the playoffs, and the Luvabulls do too," Luvabulls director Cathy Core said. "People think it kind of just happens, but there's a lot of work involved and it's a whole different attitude from the regular season. The energy in the building is 10 times what it usually is, and the Luvabulls are a big part of that."

During the regular season, the Luvabulls utilize a rotation system, meaning only 10 of the 21 members are assigned to each home game. During the playoffs, however, the entire squad takes center court to leap and kick its way through a dozen or more

tightly choreographed routines during timeouts and breaks in the action.

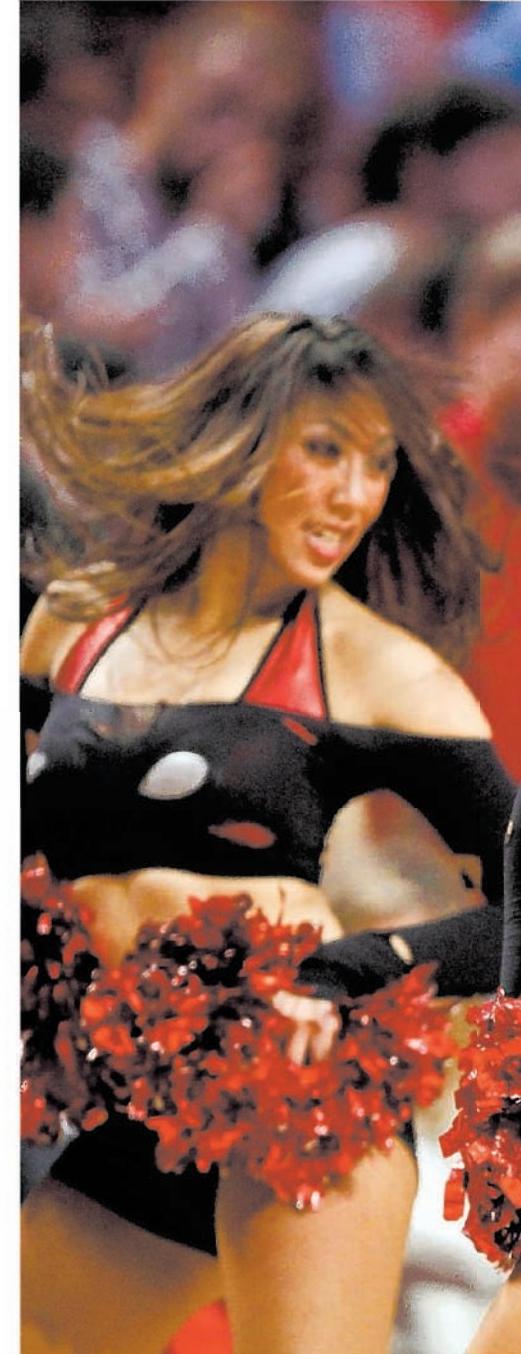
Some of the routines are old standbys to arena staples such as "What I Like About You" by The Romantics or "Y.M.C.A." by the Village People, but the Luvabulls also are responsible for a "feature" performance during the first timeout of the second quarter of each game—almost all of which are created from scratch the week prior to the game. For the playoffs, the Luvabulls step up their game for the feature, Core said.

"During the season, we might do a few slower numbers, but in the playoffs we go for high-energy routines and try to knock 'em dead with splits and jumps," Core said. "We do new dances for every single playoff game, and they have to be crisp, and so the pressure is on for us."

The sometimes chaotic nature of playoff games can keep the Luvabulls on their toes. During close contests, coaches can call for timeouts frequently, and the Luvabulls must be prepared to race to mid-court at almost any moment.

"In the fourth quarter anything can happen, and it can be a raucous game," Core said. "Every time there's a timeout, the girls run out there and they can be dodging Benny the Bull and there are T-shirts flying around. It can be pretty crazy out there."

"Performing in front of 22,000 people is already nerve-wracking, but my heart is



just racing all the time because you have to ready to jump in at any time," said first-year Luvabull Jennie Lagattuta, 24. "There are times where I've been like 'Oh my God, we're coming out now!'

"Sometimes the crowd is so loud, we can barely even hear our cues."

Game nights are only a small part of the life of a Luvabull. They also are required to work regular full-time jobs or be enrolled as full-time students and attend two three-and-a-half-hour practices per week. They

The Luvabulls perform during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals May 18 at the United Center. GETTY IMAGES



also must show up to games three hours before tipoff.

In addition to working full time doing marketing at a tax firm, Lagattuta estimates she spends at least 20 hours a week as a Luvabull.

"It's definitely a big-time commitment, and it can also be physically draining after a while," she said. "It's a lot more dancing, and it takes a toll on your body. Sometimes it's the adrenaline that keeps you going."

For Thompson, a fourth-year veteran of

the team and an account manager for a liquor distributor, it's her legs and neck that feel the biggest strain of the extra playoff work.

"We do so many head whips that it makes my neck sore," said Thompson, of Streeterville. "I definitely try to get a lot of massages for those areas."

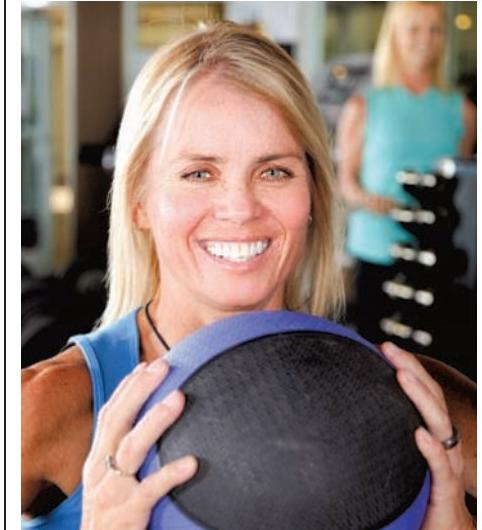
Despite the physical and mental stress that can occur during the playoffs, the payoff is incredible, the Luvabulls said.

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www.northbrooknine.com

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1 What are the chances Game 5 is the last game played at the United Center this season?	Better than the chances that Alfonso Soriano is grossly overpaid.	Very good, which is very bad. Next year, Finals, baby.	Doesn't Oprah have more games planned for the summer?	Depends. What are the chances Derrick Rose stops playing like Stephon Marbury?	Not as good as the chances LeBron James will do something incredibly douchey.
2 How would you have helped Omer Asik get his leg in shape to play?	Maybe the combined hocus pocus of Dr. Phil and Dr. Oz can help?	Heat, ice, heat, ice. Wait, can't support the Heat. Ice, followed by thunder.	Lock him in a room with Kurt Thomas to teach him toughness.	Now that we know it's broken, that question makes less sense than Thibs' late-game decision-making.	I almost had to chew my own leg off when it got caught in a bear trap. That wouldn't help Omer.
3 Why was Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski watching the Bulls-Miami game Tuesday?	To find out whether Dukie Carlos Boozer really does have a pulse.	He DVR'd "Dancing with the Stars." Coach K loves him some Chelsea Kane.	Appreciating how he never had to deal with The King's ego at Duke.	To congratulate the Heat for supplanting Duke as the nation's most hated hoops squad.	Secretly telling Eric Spoelstra how to coach.
4 What special dance should the Luvabulls unleash for Game 5 at the United Center?	The Rapture dance. That might be all that can stop the Heat right now.	Tweeter end-zone dance. Appropriate for any sport. Not golf.	What about a voodoo dance to slow down the "Big 3"?	The Bernie. Fitting seeing as our season is dead.	My own creation: The Bear. Pretend to claw at something, then sit down and scratch your ... uhh, that won't work.
5 How will Danica Patrick deal with a full season in NASCAR next year?	By hitting the weight room, so she's ready for those infamous NASCAR dust-ups.	Working year-round? Sheesh, only chumps do that.	Lots more godaddy.com commercials to film.	She'll be the half-naked, female version of Dale Earnhardt Jr. No wins, no problem.	Given her famously short temper, I'm thinking she'll fit right in. But no hair-pulling, Danica!

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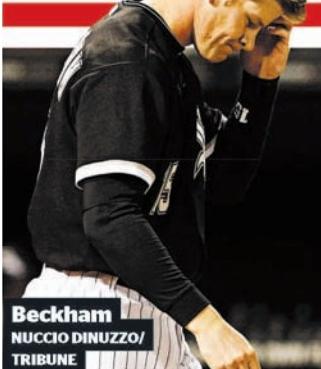
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THE MOUTHWATCH

I don't care who you are, I think the only way to get in football shape is to do football things with the team. I can run like I'm Forrest Gump from one coast to the next, but if I don't do drills that pertain to football, I'm not going to be in football shape."

—Bears cornerback **Charles Tillman** on the effects of the NFL lockout in a speech at the Chicago Computer Systems Institute

FINAL SCORE

- » N.Y. Mets 7, Cubs 4; ended in 7th inning due to rain
- » Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer reach third round of French Open.

GAME PLANNER

- » **Cubs vs. N.Y. Mets,** 1:20 p.m. WGN

- » **White Sox at Toronto,** 6:07 p.m. CSN

- » **Tennis: French Open,** 11 a.m. ESPN2



Chris Bosh (left)
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Man that was an amazing title run. I'll never forget it.

The Bulls. That amazing string of NBA titles started in 2011—and ended in 2011.

In fact, let's do this. Let's do a future column where we're looking back. Here goes.

"Oh, man, I'll never forget that time in 2012 where we almost beat the Heat in Miami but LeBron came up big in the end. Man, we were close."

"And, sweet Jesus, remember that awesome team we had in 2013? Remember how unbelievable Derrick Rose was, how Joakim Noah grabbed every rebound in sight, even Carlos Boozer was kind of good, and we almost beat the Heat that year?"

This is going to be a sad, sad story my friends. The Bulls have set themselves up to be the second-best team in the Eastern Conference for the next decade or so.

Blame the gods, blame whomever, because this is what it is for the rest of our lives.

I miss you, Kyle Korver. Not sure what happened to you. I'm thinking we traded you before the Heat series. I hope we got someone good.

By the way, I hate Chris Bosh. I hate it when he hits open jump shots because everyone else is covered.

This series is over—and it's over for as long as the Heat have those guys. What fun.

I do want to thank the Bulls, however, for helping to distract us from a terrible winter of baseball. Let's get you updated.

The Sox: A few games under .500, nine games behind Cleveland. The season is over. Thanks, Adam Dunn, for coming along on this train wreck. You're welcome too.

Dunn, by the way, isn't even hitting .200. Look, I understand guys struggling here and there, but \$15 million for this? And the homers aren't anywhere to be found. As they say when you get bad customer service: I need to speak to a supervisor.

One bright spot: The Twins are worse than we are. That makes me happy.

The Cubs: The same. A few under, roughly the same amount of games behind the Cardinals. Who else?

The bright spots: Forget it. There are none.

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The Bedford

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Lounging around in a bank vault? Cocktails have never looked so cool. This subterranean space is located in a reclaimed bank and the built-in decor includes a shiny wall of safe-deposit boxes. The craft cocktail list is small but slowly expanding, and the bar boasts a hefty wine list (30-plus bottles) and a decent selection of bottled and draft beer, including Goose Island and Three Floyds options. And ladies: Don't forget to check out the bathroom. Pinkest. Thing. Ever.



Northdown Cafe and Taproom

3244 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-697-7578

Two words: pie and beer. This Lakeview neighborhood spot, owned by siblings Valerie and Adam Lucks and The Map Room's Tom Lee, dishes out casual comfort food such as grilled cheese sandwiches, cassoulet, from-scratch soup, burgers and, yes, pie by the slice. Look for local ingredients and lots of vegan/vegetarian options.

Standard Bar/Grill

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With a menu that includes everything from sliders to sloppy joes to fried chicken sandwiches and truffle fries to short rib melts, this Wicker Park spot is perfect for sports fans ready to blow their diet while they watch the big game. A 60-person patio provides extra seats (and excellent people-watching) for those looking to get some fresh air. And if the sun is a little too much—someday you can catch a breeze inside when the sliding garage door facing Milwaukee is open.



Bridge House Tavern

321 N. Clark St.
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Mark this River North bar and restaurant on your list if you're looking for a patio lunch or brunch spot. Located in the former Flatwater space, Bridge House boasts an outdoor space for 170 with an open-air lounge on the upper terrace seating another 80. Just looking for an after-work drink? Choices include around 15 beers and more than 30 wines by the bottle.

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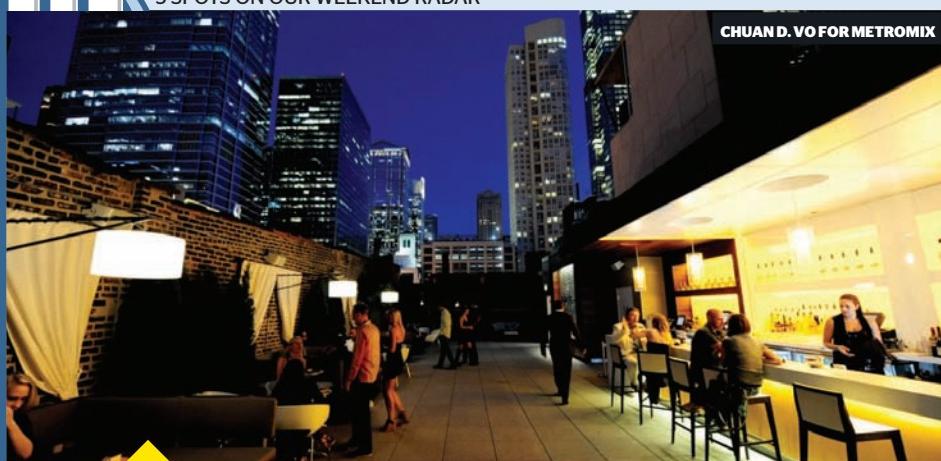
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**Elizabeth Zatar**

27, supervisor at Wendy's

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I'm getting older, so I thought I was just gonna stay in and just chill. But [then] I was like, I'm gonna go out and have fun.

Why did you choose to come here?

This is a regular spot for me. I like the atmosphere, and the music is off the chain.

What are you drinking and why?

I drink moscato with peach schnapps. The reason why is because I don't have a hangover. I don't throw up. I just feel really good. I want to dance all night.

Stuart Osborne

26, graduate student



What brings you out tonight?

I'm just out here to kick it, enjoy myself, enjoy life. Drinking X-Rated.

What one thing can a woman wear to a club that will always catch your eye?

Short-shorts. Hip-hugging shorts. It's really just whatever shows off the woman's physique, whatever shows off her assets—you know what I mean.

**Kammara Blalark**

24, fashion designer

What are you drinking and why?

I drink chocolate martinis because I love chocolate. It's like chocolate milk with vodka in it.

What's your favorite song to dance to right now?

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Long weekend!



Got plans for Memorial Day? You do now. Here are things to do, eat and drink starting Friday and running all the way through Monday. Go to metromix.com for more information about these events, bars and restaurants. Happy holiday!

STUFF TO DO

Belmont/Sheffield Music Festival

Noon-10 p.m. Sat. and Sun.: The popular street party, in its 27th year, features performances by Too White Crew, Libido Funk Circus and Wedding Banned, plus food, beer and arts and crafts. \$5; Belmont and Sheffield avenues, 773-868-3010.

Fleet Feet Sports Soldier Field 10 Mile

7:30 a.m. Sat.: Race through the Bears' tunnels and along the lakefront, finishing on the 50-yard line inside the stadium. \$80; 1410 S. Museum Campus Drive, 773-305-3338.

Bike the Drive

5:30-9:45 a.m. Sun.: Take to Lake Shore Drive—shut down to auto traffic for five hours—for this 15- or 30-mile non-competitive bike ride. After the ride, head to Butler Field in Grant Park for a post-ride bash (8 a.m.-noon) with live music from American English and an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast (\$7 extra). \$45; Columbus Drive and Jackson Boulevard, 312-427-3325, ext. 251.

Memorial Day Parade

Noon Sat.: One of the largest Memorial Day parades in the country. This year's grand marshal is Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno. Free; State and Lake streets, 312-744-3315.

STUFF TO EAT & DRINK

The Bristol

5:30 p.m. Fri.; 5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: Head to this Bucktown eatery for a \$25 barbecue feast with your choice of meat plus side dishes. No reservations; 2152 N. Damen Ave. 773-862-5555.

Captain Morgan Club

10 a.m. Sun.: Specials include a pig roast with mini pork sliders and \$10 Captain Morgan cocktails in a souvenir mug. No cover; 1060 W. Addison St. 773-404-4750.

Epic

3 p.m. Sun.: A rooftop barbecue features burgers, brats, chicken, side dishes and \$5 vodka lemonades. Prices vary; 112 W. Hubbard St. 312-222-4940.

Hidden Shamrock

7 p.m. Fri.: Dating for Nerds: Holidate. Play board games and show off your skills at trivia quizzes with other smart singles at this Memorial Day weekend kickoff party. Admission includes a cocktail, geeky giveaways, themed prizes and more. \$30. Registration required: nerdsatheart.com; 2723 N. Halsted St. 773-883-0304.

John Barleycorn

9 a.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.: A two-day bash features \$1 sliders, \$7 one-topping pizzas and a DJ (10 p.m.) Sunday and brunch (11 a.m.-3 p.m.) followed by a \$12 all-you-can-eat barbecue buffet on the patio (3-9 p.m.) Monday. Drink specials include \$18 Bud Light buckets. No cover; 658 W. Belden Ave. 773-348-8899.

Lobby Lounge

Noon Fri.-Sun., 4 p.m. Mon.: Patriotic drink specials include \$5 glasses of Armitage red blend wine, \$8 white chocolate martinis and \$5 Blue Moon bottles. No cover; 150 W. Roosevelt Road, 312-564-2100.

The Cedar Hotel

Noon Sun.: A barbecue on the patio features pulled pork sliders. Drink specials include \$20 domestic buckets, \$25 import buckets and \$5 Jameson shots. No cover; 1112 N. State St. 312-944-1112.



The Red Canary

Noon Sun.: Patio Pig Out all-you-can-eat buffet including a pig roast, burgers, brats, chicken, corn, salads and more. \$20. Drink specials include \$3 craft beer cans, \$5 glasses of pinot grigio, \$5 Jameson shots and \$20 sangria pitchers. 695 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-846-1475.

Shaw's Crab House

3 p.m. Mon.: Oyster bar specials include 50-cent raw oysters on the half shell. 21 E. Hubbard St. 312-527-2722.

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Passion & pizza

Chicago rockers Common Shiner answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire at metromix.com. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix!

What makes your live show great?

Passion. It's what I hear the most from fans and friends—that we just seem to have such a passion for what we're doing when we're onstage. We also have a natural chemistry between us.

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Pleasing, folk, rock, indie, pop.

Tell us something random about the band and why that's significant.

We once played a benefit for Fibromyalgia in Hesperia, Mich., on the back of a flatbed truck that was tilted slightly forward, so we had to put things in front of our amps to keep them from sliding off. Also, until the day of the gig, our drummer thought Hesperia was the disease the benefit was for. It's significant because ... we have a sense of humor.

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?

Oh man, there are so many amazing bands, but working with Frightened Rabbit would be awesome. Especially if



Common Shiner

When: 8 p.m. Saturday

Where: Tonic Room, 2447 N. Halsted Ave.

Price: \$8 (21+); 773-248-8400

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we could hang with them in Scotland. We'd never work with Nickelback, but I guess that's too obvious.

If the band were a cartoon character, whom would it be and why?

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Because we're cool dudes, we each have our own personalities and flaws, we like pizza and we hope our music can stop crime and save the world.

What's the best album you've heard recently?

"Passive Me, Aggressive You" by The Naked and Famous

What song do you never want to hear again?

Anything by the Black Eyed Peas.

What is Chicago's best music venue and why?

Well, we haven't played all of them, but Beat Kitchen is the best of the ones we've played. It's a great room that you can pack. Plus you can hit the bar before/after the show for a good meal.



ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

Frontiers, Thursday, June 30 (\$12.50-\$15, 17+) at House of Blues.

ON SALE NOON FRIDAY

* **Jolie Holland, Sallie Ford & the Sound Outside**, Tuesday, July 12 (\$14, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

Moonface, Saturday, July 16 (\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

* **Mucca Pazza**, Friday, Aug. 19 (\$12-\$15, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

* **William Elliott Whitmore**, Friday, July 29 (\$15, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

Dashing Assassins, I Decline, Friday, July 16 (\$8, 21+) at Double Door.

Brendan Kelly, The Swayback, Friday, Sept. 9 (\$8, 21+) at Double Door.

Maloko, Young Live, David Chang, Friday, June 17 (\$15-\$20, 21+) at Double Door.

Moritat, Pezzettino, Archeology, Leaf Bird, Wednesday, June 29 (\$5, 21+) at Double Door.

Pajama Club, Friday, July 1 (\$20-\$22, 21+) at Double Door.

Uncle Junkie, Veilside, Tuesday, July 5 (\$8, 21+) at Double Door.

ON SALE NOW

D-Connect, The Infamous, Stuck Underwater, Chum, Souls Demise, Friday, June 3 (\$6-\$9, 18+) at Metro.

David Wax Museum, Wednesday, June 29 (\$8-\$12, all ages) at Space.

Girls and Boys, Saturday, June 4 (\$15-\$20, 17+) at House of Blues.

* **The Hold Steady, The Donkeys**, Thursday, Aug. 25 (\$25, 18+) at Metro.

Honor Society, Monday, June 20 (\$15-\$18, all ages) at House of Blues.

Ingram Hill, Tuesday, July 19 (\$15-\$18, all ages) at Space.

Ivri Lider, Sunday, June 12 (\$22.50-\$25, 17+) at House of Blues.

* **Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers**, Saturday, July 16 (\$22.50-\$25, 17+) at House of Blues.

Tiffany, Debbie Gibson, Saturday, Aug. 13 (\$35-\$45, all ages) at House of Blues.

Tim Robbins and the Rogues Gallery Band, Thursday, Aug. 4 (\$24-\$28, all ages) at Space.

Paul Wertico, Marbin, Larry Gray, Saturday, June 25 (\$12-\$15, all ages) at Space.

HAVE YOU SEEN LILY?



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9 p.m. \$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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10 p.m. \$7. Elastic, 2830 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-3616.

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9 p.m. \$5. Hard Rock Cafe, 63 W. Ontario St. 312-943-2252.

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9 p.m. \$19. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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9:30 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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9 p.m. \$5 donation. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

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7:30 p.m. Pick what you want to pay. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

JASON ISBELL AND THE 400 UNIT, MARIA TAYLOR
9 p.m. \$15. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501.

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9 p.m. \$5. Uncommon Ground, 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

MOS SCOCIOUS, FADRBOOSTE, JIP JOP
8:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

THE MOTHER HIPS, MOONLIGHT TOWERS
9 p.m. \$15. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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8 p.m. \$5 donation. Uncommon Ground, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

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SLOAN, DEARLY BELOVED
8:30 p.m. \$15. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

SOCIAL FOCUS, SIMPLE SIMON
9 p.m. Free. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 773-327-1662.

SPARE PARTS
10 p.m. Free. Aliveone, 2683 N. Halsted St. 773-348-9800.

SULLY ERNA
7:30 p.m. \$30. etix.com. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 773-929-5959.

TIM MENARD AND THE FLYING NOWAKOWSKIS,
8 p.m. \$5. Fitzgerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

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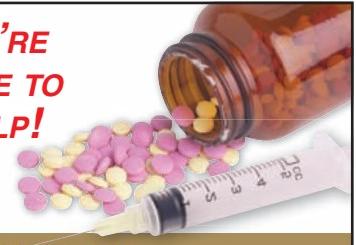
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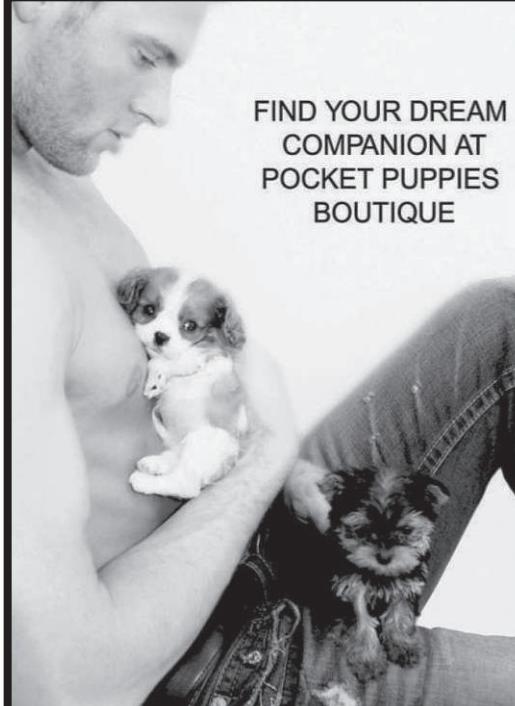
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Enjoying music

Chicago rockers Lady Parasyte answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire at metromix.com. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix!

What makes your live show great?

We make music that we like, so it's fun to perform and hopefully that enjoyment can be felt by the crowd.

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Female-fronted, electro-alternative rock.

Tell us something random about the band, and why that's significant.

When we record, there are always "Simpsons" references flying back and forth across the room between us. This is significant because it's always important to have fun creating music. If you're not having fun, then there really

CHI-TUNES

Lady Parasyte

What: Part of WT II Minifest
When: 7:30 p.m. June 9 (first band)

With: Trigger10d, Dead on TV, Project .44, Defcon,

Where: Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St.

Tickets: \$8; (21+); wtiirecords.com

Listen to Lady Parasyte's "Abandoned Places" at metromix.com



is no point. It's good to be wacky and not take yourself too seriously even if the music itself deals with serious issues.

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?

Chicago native Stella Katsoudas of Sister Soleil and Dirty Little Rabbits. Also, the Cure would be a dream come true. ... It's hard to say who we would never work with, but flaky, rude or arrogant people can see their way out the door. Respect and common decency go

a long way. I think a lot of people in the music biz tend to forget that.

If the band were a cartoon character, whom would it be and why?

The Simpsons because they get to say some of the funniest things ever uttered on this Earth.

What's the best album you've heard recently?

The Dirty Little Rabbits' new album. It's rock, but done in a way that's really unique and hard to describe. Also, Lykke Li's "Wounded

Rhymes" is a really great chill record. This woman has a magical voice.

What song do you never want to hear again?

"Single Ladies" by Beyoncé. Sorry Kanye, it's not the greatest.

What is Chicago's best music venue and why?

The Abbey Pub. Great size and layout. They always have an eclectic mix of bands playing. The food is outstanding! Try the fish and chips!



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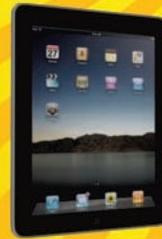
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ONE NIGHT IN BANGKOK

THE WOLFPACK IS BACK—AND THIS TIME THEY'VE GOT A CHAIN-SMOKING MONKEY

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Barring the end of the world (now set for October), or the even less likely scenario in which no one pays to see three guys wake up completely blotto in theaters this weekend, there will be a "Hangover Part III."

"Obviously, it will depend on the success of the second one," says Bradley Cooper, whose participation in the inaugural "Hangover" had more than a little to do with his rocket launch to stardom.

"You never know," Cooper adds, trying to sound cautious about the box-office prospects of the much-anticipated follow-up. "But if there's a sure thing ..."

The first "Hangover," released in 2009 and likewise co-starring Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms, went on to earn \$469.5 million worldwide. It was, in case you missed it, set in Las Vegas, where a bachelor party headed into a

Bermuda triangle of amnesia, anarchy and absurdist raunch. In director Todd Phillips' "The Hangover Part II," the setting is more exotic—Bangkok. And the straits the trio find themselves in, believe it or not, are even crazier.

It's "Defcon 5 in Bangkok," Cooper says.

"The Hangover Part II," in theaters now, seems destined for profitability with the long Memorial Day weekend ahead. Aside from its built-in fan base, the film undoubtedly benefits from months of entertainment-section headlines about its production.

Late last year came a string of stories about troubled actor Mel Gibson's cameo that was nixed following objections from cast and crew members.

More recently, there was a controversy over the use of a cigarette-smoking monkey—PETA and the American Humane Associa-

tion are not amused—which may only boost the film's reputation for raunch. Finally, the artist who created Mike Tyson's face tattoo tried to stop the film's release, saying the tattoo that Helms' character wakes with infringes on his copyright.

Still, everyone knows sequels have a tendency to disappoint, and that includes the filmmakers. As Helms puts it: "It's so easy for a sequel to just be lame."

Can Phillips and his cast truly re-create the organic, out-of-nowhere magic of the original?

"There's a little trepidation," says Phillips, who helped write the sequel's script with Craig Mazin and Scot Armstrong. "But it was a lot harder making a movie and turning to Bradley Cooper at 5 in the morning and saying, 'This is funny, but is anyone going to see it? I'd rather have this pressure than the other kind of pressure. We can pretty much rest as-

sured that people are going to turn up for it. Now the job is to make something that's as funny and as great, and swing for the fences."

Like its predecessor, "The Hangover Part II" begins days before a wedding, though now Stu is the groom and Thailand the locale.

Stu and company wake up in a strange room without their memories—and minus one friend, Teddy (Mason Lee, in his film debut), the younger brother of Stu's bride. As they search for Teddy, they encounter gun-toting criminals, violent Buddhists and the kind of surprise-in-every-package prostitutes for which the Thai capital is famous.

The writers also felt Bangkok provided the perfect setting for the return of Mr. Chow, the globe-trotting, sexually ambiguous gangster so memorably portrayed by Ken Jeong in the first film.

Jeong, who since has joined NBC's "Com-



I know, I'm an idiot for not liking the slow, misogynistic first "Hangover," which lazily relied on gags involving Tasers and old men's butts. "Part II" is male bonding through messed up adversity compared to what in the first "Hangover" felt like acquaintances drunkenly coming to terms with their own simmering anger. In the stranger, funnier "Part II," the mystery of what the devil happened last night actually leads to wild places, and the so-called Wolfpack blends together more effectively as the characters progress beyond bland identities as "the cool one" or "the weird one." Racial insensitivity has been toned down (though not eliminated), and the film's indifference toward female characters is at least a step up from the original's hatred of them. Replacing the first movie's cynicism with more jokes and some of Stu's moral compass, "Part II" becomes a ridiculous, often hilarious demonstration of what mostly upstanding people are capable of when the safety is switched off. Read Matt Pais' full review at redeyechicago.com.

Bradley Cooper (from left), Zach Galifianakis and Ed Helms in 'The Hangover Part II'
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munity" and landed a role in the upcoming "Transformers: Dark of the Moon," says he prepared for his expanded role by watching Martin Scorsese's "GoodFellas" while in Thailand, paying close attention to Joe Pesci's mischievous Mafioso character.

"I kept thinking, 'Chow loves chaos,'" Jeong says. "I made sure my reactions were the exact opposite of what everybody else is thinking. And Todd loved that."

The sequel also leans on the comfortable chemistry between Helms, Cooper and Galifianakis, known collectively onscreen as The Wolfpack.

"We are all three very different archetypes, so there's no competition. Everyone gets their own style of comedy, and their own type of punch lines," says Helms, whose mild-mannered Stu again serves as the film's central (or most-abused) protagonist. "I

think Todd did a magical thing by putting the three of us together."

All three likely will be back for "Hangover Part III," which Cooper promises will break from the now-established formula.

"We've all talked about it, Ed, Zach and I, and Todd, and it really is about us coming together and agreeing on a concept," Cooper says. "And we've all agreed to the tone of the third one, and what it has to be—which is completely not adhering to the formula of the second."

"That said, I do think that this one had to adhere to the structure, so you can get to know the characters more—they're much more fully developed. Now we can depart from that. ... So for the third one, there will be no missing night. It will be an interesting thing."

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'The Hangover Part II' (R)



Zach is back, and he's ready to talk

Newsday

"The Hangover" transformed Zach Galifianakis from a cult comedian to a major star. Still, the North Carolina native regards his new fame warily, and so values his privacy that he shut down his official website. Speaking by phone from a room in the Beverly Hilton to promote "The Hangover Part II," Galifianakis proved a reluctant, but still funny, interviewee.

You've been fairly candid about your feelings about sequels. What made you decide to do this one?

The fact of the matter is, I wanted to leave well enough alone. Then we got the script. And I gotta tell you, I liked it. And then there was that temptation: "Oh, my God! I can repave my parents' driveway!"

How much of the film was scripted and how much was improvised?

To keep it fresh on set, you try to say new things. Selfishly, as someone who just loves the energy of people laughing, I would try to make people laugh when they weren't supposed to. It's very unprofessional, but it really helped me.

Off the set, your co-star Ken Jeong said he would literally cry laughing while you

and director Todd Phillips cracked jokes during dinner.

Ken is such a laugher. I remember exactly where we were eating, and Ken had a couple of wines in him. He laughed so loud it almost overtook the noise of the city of Bangkok. You probably can't hear this in the background, but I'm in the next room from him, and I can actually hear him laughing so hard right now. Not at me.

I found a page from your old website that says, "The entertainment business is both poison and honey." Can you elaborate?

Well, the honey is the warmth that I feel from people appreciating the humor I'm trying to do. That's the beautiful thing. That, and getting a good table at Fuddruckers. The poison is that you get locked into this silly business, and you believe the hype.

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Black gets animated

'Kung Fu Panda 2' star draws on hard-knock 20s to beef up panda role

Newday

The hero of the animated "Kung Fu Panda 2," opening Thursday, is a panda named Po—but he may as well be called "Jack Black and White." There's no mistaking the distinctive sensibility of the comic actor, whose rapid-fire yet casually offhand riffs have added hey-dude humor to such films as "High Fidelity" and "Tropic Thunder" and carried such starring vehicles as "Shallow Hal" and "The School of Rock."

Black, 41, spoke by phone from the Cannes Film Festival.

Animation directors do recording sessions in different ways. Usually actors all record separately, but not always. How did it work for you here?

The only thing I did with another actor was the scene when I first meet [the antagonist] Shen, the albino peacock. Me and Gary Oldman did bust that out together because they were unable to get the magic with us separately.

Why, do you think?

I don't know. There was just something about the intensity of the scene where we meet and we're kind of laughing at each other and slowly ramping it up. It needed to happen live.

Did the director, Jennifer Yuh Nelson, ever say, as they sometimes do with animation, "OK, we got the script version, you want to improv anything?"

No, she never gave me the go-ahead like that, but sometimes I would just take it. Sometimes I would just say, "Hey, wait, let me do one more," and then I would surprise them with a riff.

In the first "Kung Fu Panda," Po dreams of joining the movie's team of heroes. Now, here, he's a member, he can hold his own, but he's also the one who clowns around and makes the others laugh. Anything you can personally relate to there?

All through my 20s I was very much like Po, just sort of struggling to get by and not really being one of the comedic actors who were established. I didn't really have a consistent money-making career, like I can get my own apartment, until I was, like, 30 years old. Before that I would get parts here and there and I would go get an apartment and live there for a while, and then I would run out of money and go back and live with my mom. So, yeah, when I'm trying to get in the Po mode, I



think back on those times, to my humble days when I was in awe of the comedy gods.

And those would be ... ?

Obviously John Belushi, he was a big influence on me, but also later on, Chris Farley. Those are obvious ones, just because we portly comedians got to stick together. But I'm also a huge fan of Jim Carrey and his style. It's not really about the subtlety so much as it is about going to the absolute limit.

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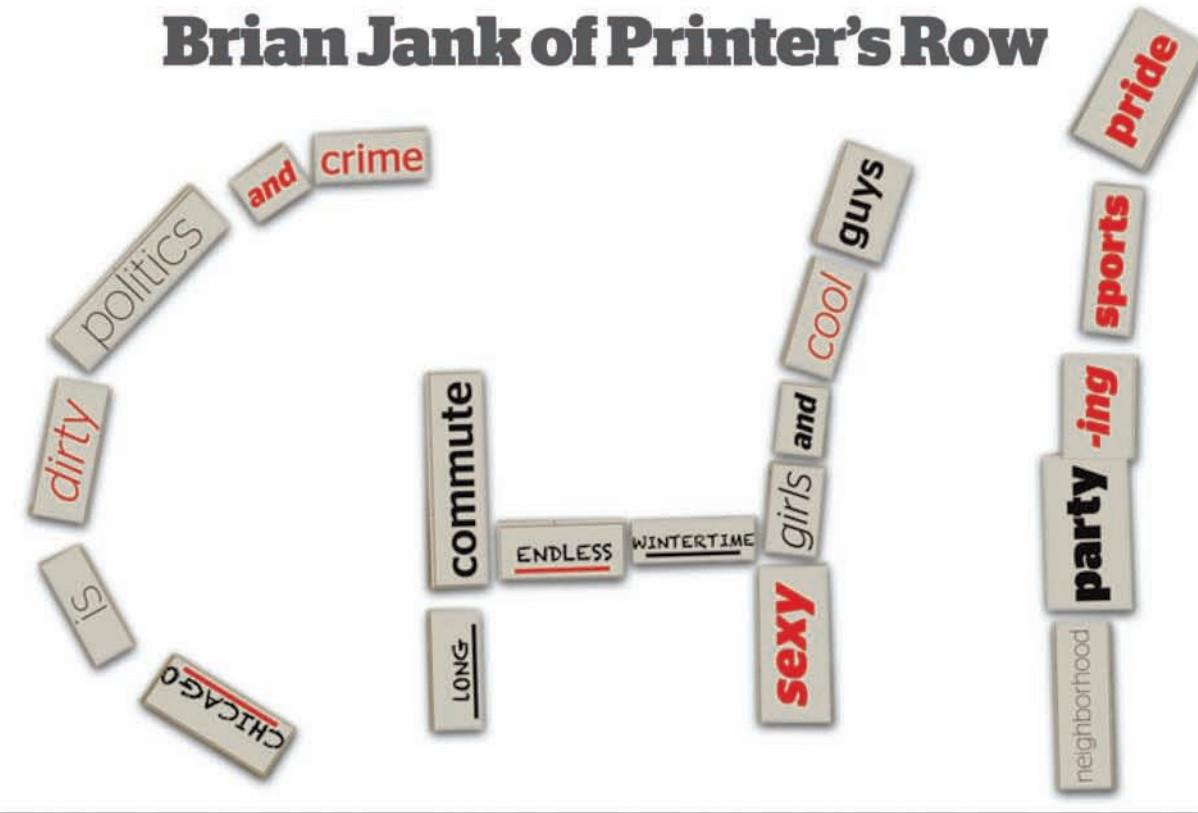
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TV**'So You Think You Can Dance'**

7 p.m. Thursday, Fox

Now that "American Idol" has wrapped another season, it's time for that other Fox competition. No, not that one, or that one, but the dance one! Mary Murphy returns to the judges' panel as "SYTYCD" kicks off its eighth season with two rounds of auditions. Not my thing, but enjoy.

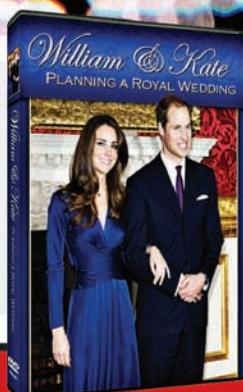
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**SONG****'Where Them Girls At'**

Nicki Minaj

Nicki Minaj continues her string of song-stealing cameos on "Where Them Girls At." The single nominally belongs to super-producer David Guetta, and it's definitely more about Flo Rida, who tackles the verses with his usual "Right Round" style. But Nicki takes control with her cameo (delivered in a British accent) and never lets go, shaking up the mediocre dance number and making it memorable.

GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY

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Just in case you didn't get enough of the royal wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton a few weeks back. "The Royal Wedding: William & Catherine" is a BBC documentary about their nuptials, while "William & Kate: Planning a Royal Wedding" goes inside the social event of the new millennium. RICK BENTLEY, THE FRESNO BEE

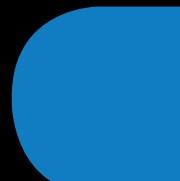
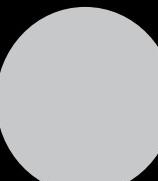
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Checking in to 'Childrens Hospital'

The Fresno Bee

Long before the staff members of "Childrens Hospital" were being such cutups on Adult Swim, their antics were available as webisodes.

That's where creator Rob Corddry and the cast—Megan Mullally, Lake Bell, Erinn Hayes, Malin Ackerman, Henry Winkler, Ken Marino and Rob Huebel—first practiced their comedy that spoofs medical shows.

If you missed the Web shows, or even the first two seasons on Adult Swim, "Childrens Hospital: The Complete First & Second Seasons" is now out on DVD. Season 3 begins at midnight June 2 on Adult Swim. Shifting from a Web to cable show was a snap.

"Not a lot has changed, actually," Corddry says. "The great thing about being on Adult Swim is that it's pretty much the Internet of television. We can get away with whatever we want."

What they do is a blend medicine with the personal struggles of a sex-crazy staff.

Because the series started as five- to six-minute shows, Corddry didn't think its frantic humor—a one-hour medical show shown in one-fourth the time—could be expanded.

"I said I would never do it on television because I didn't think it would sustain itself longer than 5 1/2 minutes. I think at 11 minutes 15 seconds, we reach our saturation point," Corddry says. "So, I can guarantee you it will



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never be longer than that."

Shorter or longer, the one thing that hasn't changed is the irreverent humor. Mullally is convinced that if a serious moment ever did slip into an episode, it would throw the entire show off balance.

As for those who try the show and are outraged by the jokes about race, sex, medicine, terminal illness, weight problems and handicaps, "Childrens Hospital" writer David Wain has a suggestion.

"I have great respect for anyone who is offended by this show. There are thousands of shows," Wain says. "So you can watch something else if you don't want to watch this."

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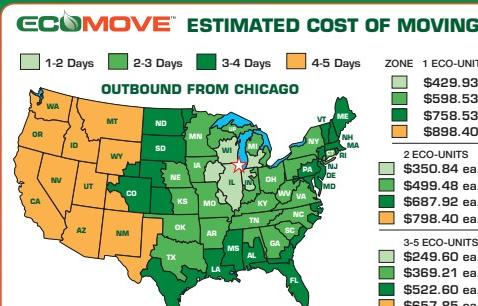
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V for Vodka

By Zak Stambor

The marketers of top-selling vodka brands will tell you that their spirits are "clean," "smooth" or "pure." And even though some brands will note that they're made from the finest winter wheat, grapes, etc., there is nary a description of what the vodka actually tastes like.

That's not surprising because, by law, vodka is an odorless, colorless, tasteless spirit.

Because of that I've never given much thought to what differentiates one from another. I considered vodka to be a mundane, but necessary, ingredient in cocktails, at best, and an efficient means to get drunk, at worst.

That is, until I discovered that some distillers weren't content to produce a spirit that is little more than a commodity.

"We're trying to challenge the norm," said Kent Fleischmann, founder of Dry Fly Distilling Inc. "We want to raise the bar on vodka and produce something memorable

that keeps people coming back again and again."

Dry Fly isn't alone. A number of distilleries are producing hand-crafted vodkas that are not the same colorless, flavorless spirit of yesteryear. These aren't flavored vodkas, which often taste synthetic or saccharine. Rather they are spirits produced by distillers seeking to highlight the primary ingredient. And because vodka can be made from nearly anything—from wheat to rye to corn to potato—the ingredient used to produce a particular vodka gives that spirit its personality.

Take Dry Fly, whose vodka is made from locally produced wheat, which gives the spirit a sweet flavor.

"We're in wheat country," said Fleischmann, whose distillery is based in Spokane, Wash. "We have beautiful resources. That's why we utilize only local ingredients. It just makes perfect sense. Why would we use anything else?"

ZAK STAMBOR IS A TRIBUNE NEWSPAPERS CONTRIBUTOR.



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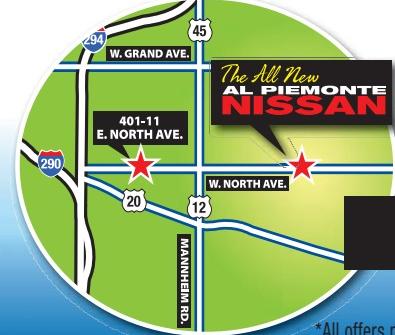
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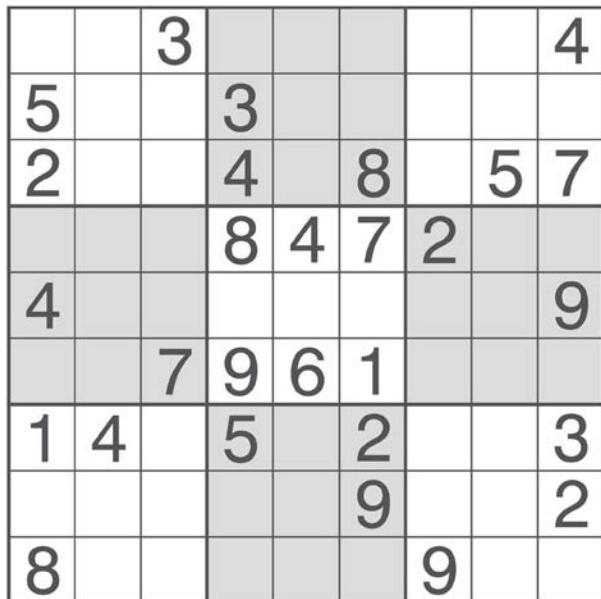
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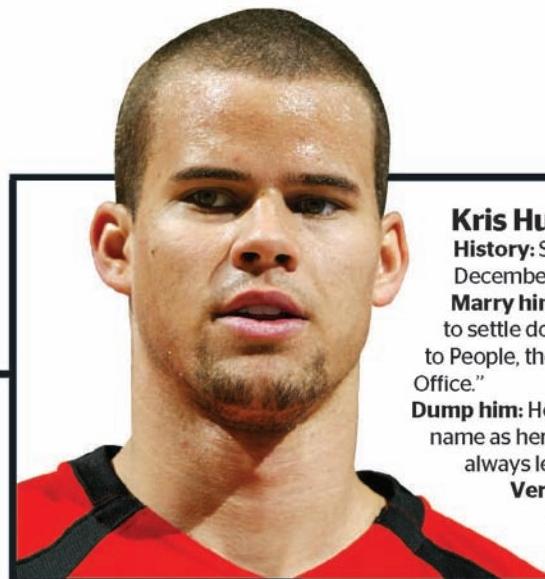
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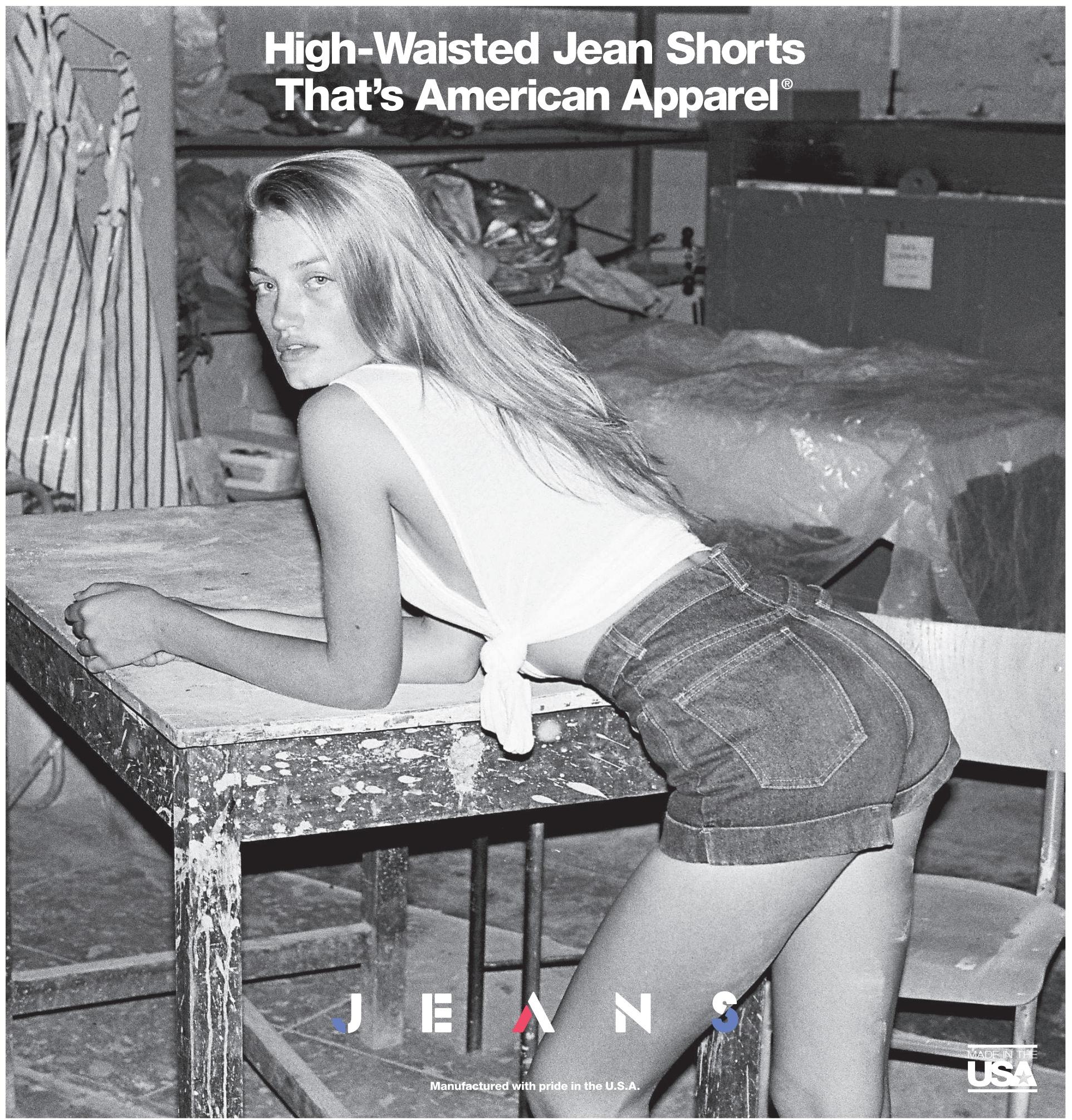
**Damon Thomas****History:** Married to Kim from 2000-03**Marry him:** The record producer probably gave Kim a lot of great connections in the music world.
Dump him: Star magazine says it obtained court documents indicating Thomas verbally and physically abused Kim.
Verdict: Dump him!**Ray J****History:** Dated in the mid-'00s
Marry him: He's**Brandy's little brother—“The Boy Is Mine” could be Kim’s theme song.**
Dump him: An infamous sex tape of the two stars leaked in 2007, and Kim settled with Vivid Entertainment on a distribution deal.
Verdict: Dump him! While Kim says she doesn't think Ray J leaked or profited from the video, the alternative is that she leaked it herself...**Reggie Bush****History:** Dated from 2007-10
Marry him:**him:** They've definitely got a strong connection: Kim and Reggie broke up several times during their three-year relationship, but something kept bringing her back to the NFL running back.
Dump him: E! claims the distance is what tore them apart.
Verdict: Marry him! While every couple has their ups and downs, we were big fans of Kim and Reggie together.**Cristiano Ronaldo****History:** Spotted canoodling in Spain in April 2007
Marry him:**him:** Have you seen photographs of this soccer hottie? Good sweet lord.
Dump him: He's got some baggage. Cristiano became a father last year and has full custody of his son. Mother? Unknown.
Verdict: Dump him, but keep photos taped to her vanity.**Gabriel Aubrey****History:** Spent last Thanksgiving together**Marry him:** Spending Turkey Day with the fam definitely scores points.
Dump him: He's Halle Berry's ex, and we'll be honest, she doesn't exactly have the best taste in men.
Verdict: Dump him!Kim Kardashian
GETTY IMAGES**Kris Humphries****History:** Started getting cozy in December; got engaged this week
Marry him: Kim is definitely ready to settle down. Plus, according to People, the NBA star likes "The Office."**Dump him:** He's got the same first name as her mom. These situations always lead to awkwardness.
Verdict: Eh... we still like Reggie better.

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**Is Kim's fiance really the man for her?****By Dana Moran | REDEYE**

Here comes the Kim! The tabloids' favorite celebrity princess, Kim Kardashian, got engaged to her NBA boyfriend, Kris Humphries, this week—and he put quite a ring on it. **Eonline.com** reports that Kim got a 20.5-carat ring worth \$2 million. We're impressed, but Kim and Kris have been dating for less than a year—is she sure he's the right guy? Let's take a look at Kim's past relationships to see if she's taking the best dude down the aisle.

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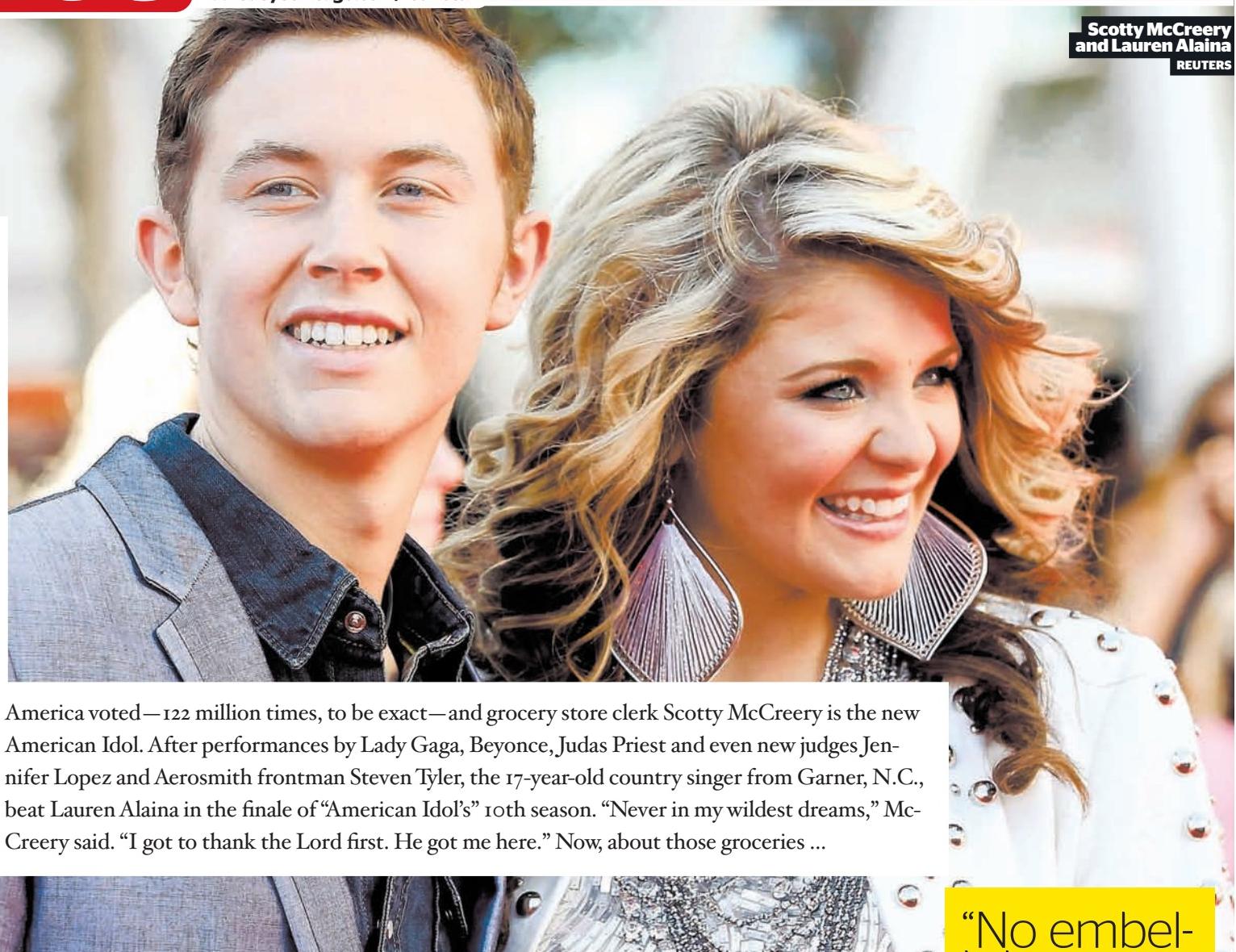


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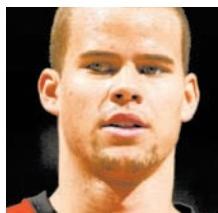


America voted—122 million times, to be exact—and grocery store clerk Scotty McCreery is the new American Idol. After performances by Lady Gaga, Beyoncé, Judas Priest and even new judges Jennifer Lopez and Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler, the 17-year-old country singer from Garner, N.C., beat Lauren Alaina in the finale of “American Idol’s” 10th season. “Never in my wildest dreams,” McCreery said. “I got to thank the Lord first. He got me here.” Now, about those groceries ...



Rock of love

Kim Kardashian is engaged, and her fiance, Kris Humphries, sealed the deal with a ring featuring more than 20 carats of diamonds, *People* reports. Perhaps not shockingly, Kim says she likes it. “She better,” her basketball-player betrothed reportedly said. Maybe she had her heart set on 25 carats?



» Did you know K-Dash has been married before? Turn to **Page 46** for more on Kim's love life.

‘Pop Up Video’ strikes back

Color us Rebecca Black-level excited. VH1 announced it’s bringing back the awesome, awesome ‘90s show “Pop Up Video,” [thr.com](#) reports. The 60 half-hour episodes will begin airing in the fall, and co-creator Woody Thompson says the series will include rap and hip-hop vids this time around, which previously were off limits because MTV held the rights. Just think about what they’ll do with Lil Wayne!



Drake gets drawn

The cartoon Drake doesn’t do rap battles. Drizzy appears in the new episode of LeBron James’ online animated series, “The LeBrons,” but it’s his buddy who takes the stage to settle a score. What’s the message here? Call us delusional hoops fans, but we think it means the Bulls will beat the Heat in seven games.

HOT DATE

MAY 28

That’s when you’ll first be able to see a “Cowboys & Aliens”-sponsored car speeding around a NASCAR track, [deadline.com](#) reports. The car, driven by Mike Wallace, will be in action for 10 weeks, and the movie hits theaters July 29. Now we know who their target audience is ...



What’s new, ‘SVU’?

Oh, Christopher Meloni, we hardly knew ye. After 12 short years with the “Law & Order” spinoff, Detective Stabler won’t be back, according to *Entertainment Weekly*. Mariska Hargitay, the other mainstay, just adopted a baby and also reportedly will be cutting back. It’s a total “SVU” shakeup!

No embellishments anywhere. At all. Nothing. Oh my God.

“*The Office*” star Mindy Kaling on men’s jeans in an excerpt from her new book, “Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?” It hits stores Nov. 1.

